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## AN IMPOTENT LEAGUE

It is reported that the Russian Reds have mobilized a force of upwards of 600,000 men for conducting a spring offensive against Poland and Rumania. Both of these countries are members of the league of nations, but there is no hint of any aid coming from that source. The only league of nations army is the one raised to conduct a plebiscite at Vilna, and when it tried to cross Switzerland to reach that city it was stopped at the border. In all the history of the world there never was an organization, great or small, so completely impotent as the league to accomplish its alleged ends.

## WOE TO DEMOCRATS

Secretary Tumulty is authority for the statement that Mr. Wilson has no intention whatever of going into seclusion after he leaves the White House. It is said that the president will devote himself to writing, but will find plenty of time to observe public affairs, and will not hesitate to take a hand in them himself when he thinks it would be for the good of the country. This will be embarrassing news for the Democratic party. Wilson and Wilsonism are responsible for the deplorable state in which that party finds itself today, and its would-be leaders do not contemplate with equanimity the prospect of their political destroyer posing himself at their elbow, ready for another deadly thrust should the party cadaver show signs of returning animation.

## THE THRIFTY JAP

Japan appears to be "rubbing it in" with regard to Yap. Announcement is now made that she intends to fortify her new island possessions. It is also said that permission has been denied a Filipino weather observer to visit Yap for the purpose of making observations. For a country that took practically no part in the war, Japan did not fare so badly with Shantung and a score or more of valuable islands added to her territory.

## MORE BUYING ABROAD

Our imports during 1920 increased 35 per cent, while our exports increased only 4 per cent. That fact is given by one expert as the reason for present unemployment in this country. It is apparent that the Democratic administration is utterly incapable of protecting American industry under normal conditions. The moment the artificial protection supplied by the war was removed, and the artificial stimulation to American exports due to the same cause was taken away, the incapacity of the Democrats for sound legislation stood revealed. Not until our industries are protected by a Republican protective tariff from cheap foreign imports, and our exports are stimulated under sound Republican leadership, will unemployment in this country become a thing of the past.

## A WISE NAVAL POLICY

It is the soundest wisdom that prompted the senate committee on naval affairs to report against any suspension of our naval building program or the substitution of other types of fighting craft for the big battleship. The senate adopted a resolution directing the committee to ascertain whether it would be advisable for this country to enter upon a six-month vacation in naval construction. With Senator Miles Poindeux of Washington as chairman, a sub-committee conducted the investigation and submitted the report which the full committee adopted.

"It is not practical," says the report, "and is not a sound policy to suspend the naval construction program of the United States now in progress for a period of six months nor at all." It is shown that even though Great Britain enters upon a naval holiday the completion of our naval strength will bring our fleet only to an equal strength with hers. Much of the report is devoted to an exposure of the fallacy of the argument that the capital ship is obsolete—an argument advanced by those who place a mistaken reliance on the airship and submarine as

the dominant weapons of the future. The report declares that the arguments against the big ship are based on "the old fallacy that war can be cheaply won by hitting, dodging and running." It is recalled that the same agitation against building of fighting ships occurred in the early eighties, when the automobile torpedo first became a weapon of fair accuracy. It was claimed at that time that a small torpedo boat, costing \$100,000, would be able to destroy a battleship costing millions. But defensive armament met the new foe and defeated its danger. The history of the submarine in the past few years has been precisely similar. Developed to a high degree of perfection by the Germans, it nearly succeeded in winning the war for them, but means for meeting its attack were discovered in time to save the cause for the allies. It is a fact, says Senator Poindeux in the report, that not a single ship of the grand fleet was sunk at the battle of Jutland by torpedoes, despite the fact that great numbers of them were launched by the Germans. Furthermore, Admiral Jellicoe's vessels cruised at will in the North sea for months without loss, although the waters were infested with submarines all of that time.

The fact is, in the opinion of the naval committee, that the war was won by the potential power of the allied battleships. The enemy ships were kept confined to their ports and the sea lanes were kept open for the transportation of supplies and troops to the western front. The morale of the German naval personnel was destroyed and the offensive power of the German fleet crippled by inaction.

"Situated as is the United States," the report concludes, "with oceans separating it from other great powers, its first line of defense must necessarily be its navy, and so long as it has a battleship which can hold the sea against attack, both its continental territory and its island possessions, as well as its commerce and the rights and interests of its citizens upon the high seas are secure regardless of the comparative size of the armies of the world. On the other hand, if from lack of heavy ships of the line, or other weaknesses, its navy cannot hold the sea against attack, then, even though it might have the greatest army in the world, its island possessions would fall away from it, its commerce would be destroyed, its coasts blockaded and subjected to constant attacks."

## BANK SETTLEMENTS? HOW ABOUT STATE

The depositors who have long waited and who have been told and promised by legislatures, attorney generals, the receiver, his judge and others that the defunct State Bank & Trust company's affairs would be closed up, are patiently waiting action from the investigating committee of both branches of the present legislature to alleviate their waiting and wipe this disgraceful transaction of receivership from the history of Nevada. Thirteen years ago the chain of Riekey banks closed their doors to the public, and the favored depositors were allowed to trade their accounts to square them, while others were compelled to fork over what they owed. The depositors were paid a few cents and have been doing the "watchful waiting" act ever since. If necessary, the legislature should impeach, imprison, take out and shoot, or anything necessary to erase this rotten scandal from our fair statehood. Don't let it be said that another legislature has passed the buck. Let us hear from the investigating committee.

## ARMY PAYROLL IN HAWAII IS LARGE

(By Associated Press)  
HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 21.—The United States army spent \$6,718,448 in Hawaii during 1920, according to a statement from army headquarters here. With the increase in size of the Hawaiian garrison, the army disbursed in pay during the last six months of 1920 the total of \$1,445,245, which was almost as much as was paid out in the entire preceding 12 months, said the statement.

Eagles dance at Airdome Tuesday night, Washington's birthday. Feb. 21

## WANTS APOLOGY FROM JAPAN FOR SINKING VESSEL

(By Associated Press)  
PEKING, Feb. 21.—The Chinese government has demanded an apology and reparation from Japan for the sinking last June of a Chinese craft by fire from a Japanese gunboat in the Amur river, shortly after the Nikolaevsk massacre.

According to Chinese naval department reports, the Chinese boat, manned by one naval officer, four marines and 44 workmen, was sent out by the Chinese gunboat lying in the Amur to cut wood for fuel. On its return at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a Japanese gunboat was sighted. The Chinese craft dropped anchor and ran up the Chinese flag. The Japanese gunboat opened fire and seven shots hit the hull. The boat was partially submerged in shallow water and 34 workmen were killed by gunfire or drowned in efforts to get to shore.

## GERMANY SENDS OUT LITERATURE

(By Associated Press)  
GENEVA, Feb. 21.—Germany has begun to flood Switzerland and other neutral countries with very expensive propaganda both in book and pamphlet form, such as the memoirs of Ludendorff, Von Hindenburg, Von Spree and other naval and military leaders in the war. The books cost between two and 50 Swiss francs each.

These, together with experiences of the former Emperor William and Crown Prince Frederick are sent to Swiss citizens free of all cost without anything to show where they originated. All classes of persons receive them and the Swiss newspapers are asking who is behind this unwanted propaganda. The German minister at Bern has denied any official knowledge of it.

## SUCTION DREDGES BRING UP OPIUM

(By Associated Press)  
HONOLULU, T. H., Feb. 21.—Strange things were thrown up from the bottom of Honolulu harbor recently at pier No. 2 where a suction dredge has been deepening the slip. A little money in small silver pieces and quite a considerable quantity of opium in tins, presumably lost or hidden in process of smuggling, have been brought to light.

One Hawaiian member of the crowd which has been grubbing in the muddy swirl from the dredge-pipe was reported to have found 43 tins of opium which he disposed of at \$65 per tin.

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Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who made himself president of Germany for four days last March, is planning to visit the United States in the spring to lecture. Dr. Kapp is now living in Sweden.

## BICYCLE RACES TOMORROW IN L. A.

(By Associated Press)  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—Bicycle racers tomorrow will formally open a downtown saucer track recently built here. Cliff Durant, automobile race driver, will referee the first of Sunday's opening races. Jack Price, designer of the new track, recently described it as one of the "greatest cycling plants in the world." The track is an eight-lap affair.

Between 50 and 60 riders have been working out on the saucer daily. Peter de Paoli, nephew of Ralph de Palma, noted auto driver, recently wheeled an unspaced mile in 1:55 on the track, it is said.

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